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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM) EEWT, UR, US

SUBJ: APRIL MEETING OF US-USSR JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION

REF: STATE 47660

1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE MET MARCH 10 WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY'S PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT (PONAMAREV) FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR APRIL MEETING OF JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION.

2. PONAMAREV ADVISED THAT SOVIETS WERE WORKING ON ASSUMPTION THAT SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ALKHIMOV DURING HIS FEBRUARY 17 MEETING WITH SECRETARY SIMON (REFTEL) WAS ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. SIDE. SOVIETS ALOS UNDERSTOOD THAT SECRETARY SIMON HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING KIEV, SOCHI, TASHKENT, AND SAMARKAND DURING APRIL 12-15 PERIOD PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR NEW DELHI.(COMMENT:

IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDED ALL FOUR CITIES LISTED ABOVE WOULD PROVE TIRING AND UNSATISFACTORY. AS ALTERNATIVE, WE WOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING: APRIL 12 (SATURDAY) - DEPART MOSCOW FOR BLACK SEA SITE (COMMENT: SECRETARY  
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SIMON MIGHT FIND YALTA MORE INTERESTING THAN SOCHI FOR THIS

PART OF TRIP) END COMMENT); APRIL 13 (SUNDAY)- AT BLACK SEA SITE; APRIL 14 (MONDAY)- DEPART BLACK SEA SITE FOR TASHKENT (APPROXIMATELY FOUR-HOUR FLIGHT); APRIL 15 (TUESDAY) - DEPART TASHKENT FOR NEW DELHI. DEPENDING UPON TIME AVAILABLE, STOP IN SAMARKAND COULD BE INCLUDED IN TASHKENT-NEW DELHI LEG. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST REGARDING SECRETARY SIMON'S VIEWS ON THIS ASPECT OF PROGRAM. END COMMENT)

3. AS EXPECTED, PONAMAREV ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE MINISTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE LIST OF U.S. DELEGATION. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER WIVES WOULD ACCOMPANY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, PONAMAREV INDICATED THAT U.S. DELEGATION WOULD BE HOUSED AT SOVIYETSKAYA WHILE IN MOSCOW.

4. PONAMAREV CONFIRMED THAT SOVIET SOCIAL FUNCTION FOR JOINT COMMISSION WOULD TAKE PLACE APRIL 10. COMMATT ADVISED THAT AMBASSADOR WAS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF MID-DAY BUFFET RECEPTION ON APRIL 11. (COMMENT: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT DATES PROPOSED FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETING COINCIDE WITH CEREMONIES IN MOSCOW MARKING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET BANK OF FOREIGN TRADE, TO WHICH LARGE NUMBER OF U.S. BANKERS HAVE BEEN INVITED. AMBASSADOR BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE U.S. PARTICIPANTS IN FOREIGN TRADE BANK CELEBRATION IN RECEPTION FOR JOINT COMMISSION.

5. IF WIVES WILL ACCOMPANY, SOVIETS WOULD WELCOME ANY PROPOSALS FOR WIVES' PROGRAM IN MOSCOW.  
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